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CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

General Services Conference Room
Andrew Johnson Tower, First Floor
Thursday, July 27, 2006
1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members Present

Tim Goldsmith, Chair
Natasha Blackshear
Marti Herndon
Trudy Hughes
Susan Lawless-Glassman
Diane Neighbors
Sue Pilson
Colonel J. A. Robbins
Nancy Williams
Jo Ann Yates

Committee Members Absent

Michelle Crowley
Charles Hutchins
Barbara Holden

Staff Present

Pat Wade, CPORT Director
Linda O'Neal, Executive Director
MaryAnn Beaty
Michael Cash
Susan Cope
Jennifer Hargis
Peggy Haynes
Pam Kirkpatrick
Frances Lewis
Sukti Maldas
Rosie McLeod
Sheryl Sweat

Guest

Michael Clark, Disability Law and
Advocacy Center

Tim Goldsmith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Goldsmith requested introductions since new Commission Members were present.

I. Approval of May 2006 Minutes

MOTION: IT WAS MOVED (WILLIAMS) AND SECONDED (LAWLESS-GLASSMAN) TO APPROVE THE MAY 25, 2006 CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES.

II. Ombudsman Update

Cash referred to the Ombudsman Caseload Summary, Caseload Demographics and referrals, active and inactive for May 1, 2006 – July 15, 2006 and gave a brief overview of Ombudsman activities since the last Committee meeting.

Cash noted Commissioner Miller, Department of Children's Services, referred a DCS case to the TCCY Ombudsman for review.

Cash also stated he and Papica were working on getting the Ombudsman information disseminated to other DCS offices and juvenile courts, especially the East and West regions.

Papica announced the 27th annual United States National Ombudsman Association conference will be held in DeMoines, Iowa and invited all to attend. Papica also gave an overview of some of the planned workshops and topics.

III. DCS Collaboration Update – Pat Wade

Wade gave an update on the CPORT/DCS collaboration. TCCY/CPORT will enter into another year of collaboration with DCS because DCS is not ready to sustain the QSR process internally without our assistance, and we do not have sufficient manpower or funding to conduct the external reviews in pairs without DCS collaborative involvement.

Wade and other CPORT reviewers discussed some of the positive impact QSR has had on the culture in DCS, most of which relates to learning and understanding best practice principles.

IV. 2006 – 2007 CPORT Update – Pat Wade

Wade referred to the tentative QSR Schedule for 2006-2007 and stated the schedule was subject to change and invited Commission members to shadow the process. Wade explained a typical review week. Herndon expressed interest in participating in Northwest, Lawless-Glassman in Shelby, and Yates in Hamilton.

Wade also discussed the recent QSR review at Mountain View Youth Development Center. The QSR debriefing will be held August 3 and 4.

V. Tuition Waiver Update – Linda O'Neal

O'Neal discussed the tuition waiver draft guidelines created for young adults in state custody who wish to further their education. This focus is on children aging out of custody at age 18 and 19. DCS will distribute funds directly to the college or university to pay tuition, books, room and board, etc. The young adults must have or maintain an acceptable grade point average (GPA) to stay in school.

VI. Other Business

Goldsmith explained the current pilot project related to DCS, Brian A. settlement and performance-based contracts. There are five pilot sites: OmniVision, Centerstone, Frontier Health, Helen Ross McNabb and Youth Villages. Goal is to help children achieve permanency in a timely manner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

Minutes approved by:

Pat Wade

Tim Goldsmith, Chair

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